

THE GRUNEBERG

LINKWORD

LANGUAGE COURSE



AMSTRAD CPC-64

Contents

The course consists of 10 sections, covering a number of topics, such as furniture, colours, clothes, family, garden, time, restaurant, food, numbers, business, travelling, car, beach, places and people, emergency and useful words, days of week, months of year. The course starts with a number of animal words.

What is the Gruneberg Linkword Language System?

The Gruneberg Linkword Language System is a system for teaching foreign languages which is much faster, easier and more enjoyable than normal methods of language teaching. In ten hours you will learn a vocabulary of more than 350 words and a basic grammar. This will help you to understand and to be understood should you travel to a French-speaking country or talk to a native French speaker. Of course there will be gaps in your vocabulary and your knowledge of grammar, but you will be surprised at how quickly and easily you learn the basics of French. One of the ways in which the system works is to use visual images. An English word is linked, by means of a visual image, to another English word which sounds like the French word. For example

The French for tablecloth is nappe Imagine having a nap on a tablecloth

You imagine this picture in your mind's eye as vividly as you can. When you are given the word 'nappe' you will immediately think of having a nap on a tablecloth and will remember that the French for tablecloth is 'nappe'.

Who can use the Gruneberg Linkword Language System?

The short answer is **anyone** and **everyone!** You certainly don't need a gift for languages to learn French. The courses have been designed for holiday makers, for business executives who want to learn the basics of a language in a hurry, for children who find learning languages at school difficult or boring, or for anyone wanting to learn a language for pleasure. The courses often appeal to those who find learning a language by normal methods boring or difficult, but even people who are good at languages often find the courses much more interesting and enjoyable than normal methods of learning.

Instructions

1 As noted earlier, you will be presented with words like this:

The French for **tablecloth** is **nappe**Imagine having **a nap** on a **tablecloth**What you do is to imagine this picture in your mind's eye as vividly as possible.

- 2 After you have read the image you should think about it in your mind's eye for about 10 seconds before pressing RETURN to move on to the next word. If you do not spend enough time thinking about the image it will not stick in your memory as well as it should. If you want to be sure of having 10 seconds to image, you should press the space bar immediately after you have read the image. 10 seconds later a new word will be presented.
- 3 After you have been presented with a number of words you will be given a French word and asked to give the English. After you press RETURN the correct answer will be given and you can go on to the next word.
- 4 After you have translated from French to English you will be asked to translate from English to French.
- 5 When you are asked to translate sentences from English into French or French into English you should type the answer in. Then press return for the correct answer, then press RETURN to continue.
- 6 Sometimes the word in French and in English is the same or very similar. For example, the French for 'taxi' is 'taxi'. When this happens you will be asked to associate the word in some way with the Eiffel Tower e.g.

Imagine a taxi driving under the Eiffel Tower. Whenever the Eiffel Tower comes to mind, therefore, you will know the word is the same or similar in both English and French.

- 7 It is very important to realise that some groups of words are more difficult to learn than others. If this happens do not worry, just go on to the next set of words and forget you have had any difficulty. The important thing to appreciate is how much you **do** learn very quickly. Even if you feel you want to, therefore, you are strongly advised to carry on to the end of a section before going back to look at what you have already done.
- 8 The examples given in the course may well strike you as silly and bizarre. The fact is that they have deliberately been constructed to illustrate parts of grammar and to get away from the idea that you should remember useful phrases 'parrot fashion'.
- 9 The pronunciation given in the course is only approximate.

10 Note to parents and teachers:

If your child finds difficulty in reading you can still use the course to teach French. You can use the text as a manual and read from the screen to your child. One way of holding a young child's interest is to get him or her to sketch the images you present.

11 Important note

You should not listen to the audio tape until instructed to do so by the computer. The audio tape gives the correct pronunciation of the words used.

Course Designer and Writer

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Glossary

a (an)

am

ambulance

and angry animal apple

are (you) are(they) arm

armchair

back

baker's shop

bank beach bean because

bed bee beer big

bill black

blood blue boat book boss

boy bread bridge

brother

un/une

suis

l'ambulance (f)

le comptable

et fâché

l'animal (m) la pomme

la pomme êtes sont le bras le fauteuil

à le dos

la boulangerie la banque la plage le haricot parce que

le lit l'abeille (f) la bière grand l'addition (f)

noir le sang bleu le bateau le livre le patron le garçon le pain le pont

le frère

but

butcher's shop

butter cabbage

camera camera film

car carpet cash till cat ceiling chair

chemist's shop

cheque cinema clean clock closed clothes

cheese

coffee cold contract countryside

cow cup cupboard curtain customs cutlery danger

daughter day dear

deep

mais

la boucherie le beurre

le chou l'appareil (m) la pellicule l'auto (f) le tapis la caisse le chat le plafond la chaise le fromage la pharmacie

le chèque le cinéma propre la pendule fermé

les vêtements (m)

le café froid le contrat la campagne la vache la tasse le placard le rideau la douane le couvert le danger la fille le jour le cerf profond

le dentiste dentist difficult difficile dinner le dîner sale dirty le médecin doctor le chien dog door la porte dress la robe drink la boisson dry sec (sèche) duck le canard earth la terre facile easy eat (I) mange eat (they) mangent eat (you) mangez mange eats l'oeuf (m) egg elephant l'éléphant (m) vide empty occupé engaged l'entrée (f) entrance exit la sortie expensive cher factory l'usine (f) father le père au feu! fire! firm la compagnie fish le poisson floor le plancher la fleur

flower la fleur fly la mouche food la nourriture forest la forêt fork la fourchette

le fruit fruit full plein le garage garage garden le jardin l'aïl (m) garlic la jeune fille girl le verre glass vais go(I) la chèvre goat doré gold bon good l'oie (f) goose l'herbe (f) grass vert green gris grev half (of time) demie la main hand hard dur has a hat le chapeau have (I) ai have (thev) ont have (you) avez il he lourd heavy le hérisson hedgehog help! au secours! la poule hen son/sa/ses her ici here high haut son/sa/ses his holidays les vacances (f) horse le cheval hospital l'hôpital (m)

hot hotel hour house how husband ice ice cream illness in inn insect is its iack iacket kev kitchen knife left leg letter lettuce like (I) lobster lunch manager market meat menu midday midnight milk

minute

chaud l'hôtel (m) l'heure (f) la maison comment le mari ie la glace la glace la maladie dans l'auberge (f) l'insecte (m) est son/sa/ses le cric la veste la clef la cuisine le couteau la gauche la jambe la lettre la salade aime le homard le déieuner le directeur le marché la viande la carte midi minuit le lait la minute

mistake money

money exchange

month
morning
mother
mountain
mouse
mouth
mushroom

my narrow newspaper

night no not

of the office oil on or orange our

oyster pain passport path peach

pedestrian pen petrol

piano picnic

pink

pear

l'erreur (f) l'argent (m)

le change le mois le matin

la mère la montagne la souris

la bouche le champignon mon/ma/mes

étroit le journal la nuit non pas

du/de la/des le bureau

le bureau l'huile (f) sur

orange notre/nos l'huître la douleur

le passeport le sentier la pêche

la poire le piéton le stylo l'essence (f)

le piano le pique-nique

rose

plant la plante
plate l'assiette (f)
please s'il vous plaît
police la police
postage stamp le timbre

potato la pomme de terre

pretty joli
price le prix
prize le prix
pullover le pullover
quarter (of time) (le) quart

quick rapide quiet tranquille quite assez rabbit le lapin rain la pluie receipt red rouge

restaurant le restaurant

rib la côte la droite right la rivière river road la route roof le toit la pièce room round rond le salaire salary salesman le vendeur le sable sand la mer sea

second la seconde
secretary la secrétaire
see (I) vois
see (they) voient

see (you) voyez

sees voit
sell(I) vends
she elle

sheep le mouton
shoe la chaussure
shop le magasin
short court
sister la soeur
skirt la jupe
slow lent

small petit
snail l'escargot (m)
snow la neige
sock la chaussette

son le fils
soon bientôt
spanner la clef
speak (I) parle
spoon la cuiller
staircase l'escalier (m)

staircase station la gare le gréviste striker stupide stupid la valise suitcase le soleil sun table la table tablecloth la nappe telephone le téléphone

thank you merci
the le/la/les
theatre le théâtre
there là
thief le voleur

thin mince throat la gorge

ticket
time
tip
tired
to
toilet
tomato
tongue
towel
town
tree
trousers
trout
tyre

ugly under underpants vegetable verv

waiter waitress walk wall want (I) want (they) want (you) wants

wardrobe was (he, she, it)

was (I) wasp water week were (they)

wet

le billet le temps le pourboire fatigué

à la toilette la tomate la langue la serviette la ville l'arbre (m) le pantalon la truite

le pneu
laid
sous
le slip
le légume
très
le garçon
la serveuse
la promenade

le mur veux veulent voulez veut l'armoire

l'armoire (f)

était étais la guêpe l'eau (f) la semaine étaient mouillé what time is it?

when where

vear

ves

vou

vellow

where
white
why
wide
wife
window
wine
with
woman
worker

quelle heure est-il?

quand où

blanc (blanche)

pourquoi large la femme la fenêtre le vin avec

la femme l'ouvrier (m) l'an (m)

jaune oui vous jeune

young jeune your votre/vos

Days of the Week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday lundi mardi mercredi jeudi vendredi samedi dimanche

Months of the Year

janvier January February février March mars April avril mai May iuin Iune iuillet July August août

September septembre
October octobre
November novembre
December décembre

Numbers

zéro zero one un two deux three trois four quatre five cinq six six seven sept eight huit nine neuf ten dix eleven onze twenty vingt twenty-five vingt-cinq 12 midnight minuit 12 midday midi

